

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Bryon Black, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Sydnee Klimko, Legislative Analyst, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, May 5, 2020, happy Cinco de Mayo. Today is a legislative day.

The Frederick County Council is still conducting all of our meetings on-line during this time. We are all working remotely and will continue to do so until the “stay-at-home” restrictions are lifted.

Our meetings continue to be televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government’s website: [www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV), and also live streamed on Facebook at: FrederickCountyMD.

Since today is a legislative day, we will be accepting public comments for the first 15 minutes of our meeting and I will be receiving those comments shortly. Any comments received after we begin our business meeting on any topic other than the Constant Yield, will be listed as being received at the end of our meeting.

Today we also are holding our public hearing on the Constant Yield. Any comments we have received up to 5:00 today on the Constant Yield will be listed during the public hearing portion of our meeting. Any comments received on the constant yield after 5:00 today will be read during our public hearing. Once the public hearing is concluded, public comments will still be received until 5:00 pm tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and will be made part of the record for the public hearing.

All comments can be made via email ([Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov)), or via Facebook (FrederickCountyMD), or by calling (301) 600- 1135 and leaving a voicemail message. All comments received will be reflected in the minutes by the name of the speaker and the subject.

Again, an important change during these virtual meetings, we will be accepting comments from the public until 5:00 pm on the following business day and all will be

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included in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions they might have on the issue being discussed...I will call the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor, and how each council member has voted.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized by me before you begin to speak. Again, as a reminder, if more than one person is speaking, the microphone goes dead and no one can be heard. Also, please limit your questions to one at a time. I will come back around as many times as necessary, but one or two members asking numerous follow up questions limits their colleagues ability to fully participate.

To begin our meeting, the President started with a roll call vote to determine a quorum, since not everyone was visible on the screen. Members present responded "here". CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. The President conducted a roll call of the members. All seven (7) council members responded in the affirmative.

The President then lead a moment of silence to remember those who were working so hard to contain the deadly disease, all those working on the front lines, the doctors, nurses, hospital staff, the emergency responders, the families and friends of those who have been sickened and were fighting for their lives, and unfortunately those who have lost their battle and have died..

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Comment was heard from:**

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- None

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

- J-20-250 – Emergency Communications, Emergency Management Division
- J-20-251 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- J-20-260 – Circuit Court
- J-20-267 – Finance Division

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the budget adjustment J-20-250, J-20-251, J-20-260 and J-20-267 as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Approval of Minutes from April 14, and April 21, 2020.**

*Council Member Kai Hagen moved to approve the minutes from April 14, and April 21, 2020 as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
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**Proposed Amending Resolution to Frederick County Resolution No. 20-02**

Helen Prophter, Executive Director, Office of Economic Development, provided information to the Council on the Proposed Amending Resolution to Frederick County Resolution No. 20-02.

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the Proposed Amending Resolution to Frederick County Resolution No. 20-02, changing the name of Project Chesapeake to Kroger Co. as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Proposed Budget Amendments**

Council Members Steve McKay, Phil Dacey and Jerry Donald introduced and discussed four proposed Budget Amendments with the Council.

**Public Hearing:**

**Constant Yield Tax Rate**

Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office presented information to the Council on Constant Yield Tax Rate

Public comment:

- Terry Fawley – Phone
- Edward Crouse – Phone
- Michael Collins – Facebook
- Walter Bader – Facebook
- Christine Howard – Facebook
- Lisa Jarosinski – Facebook
- Raymond Strenkowski – Facebook
- Daniel Elizer – Facebook
- ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE ATTACHED

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**Public Comment was heard from:**

- Mary Ann Chandler
- Carrie Kide

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
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**Support Constant Rate**

Stan Mordensky of Ijamsville 21754  
Robert Van Rens of Frederick 21703  
Missy Dirks no address given  
Antoinette Border of Middletown 21769  
Lisa Jarosinski of Frederick  
Charles Berry of Frederick 21703

**Support Constant Yield**

Gloria and Glen Dunham no address given  
Dan Cox no address given  
Patti Worsley no address given  
Ronald Angleberger no address given  
Dennis Rickman no address given  
Kern Thorton of Frederick 21703  
Robert Stedman of New Market 21774  
David Madaras of Ijamsville 21754  
Leonard Spiker of Frederick 21701  
Evelyn Farris of Sabillasville 21780  
Marta Esposito of Mt Airy 21771  
Stan Gawlik of Frederick 21704  
James Werner of Mt Airy 21771  
Carl Moore of Walkersville 21793  
Ellis Ramsburg of Thurmont 21788  
Robert Angell of Knoxville 21758  
Donald Gower of Middletown 21769  
Steven Hearn of Frederick 21703  
Dwight Hutchinson of Middletown 21769  
Teresa Blair of Ijamsville 21754  
Matthew Beasley of Frederick 21703  
Victoria Haines of Keymar 21757  
Robert Burk of Brunswick 21716  
Ruth Shepherd of Emmitsburg 21727  
David Wachter of Middletown 21769  
George Winkler of Frederick 21704  
Sandra Pryor of Sabillasville 21780  
Cheri McDannell of Frederick 21701  
Julia Smith of Ijamsville 21754  
Alice Krobock of Frederick 21703  
Thomas Edgar of Frederick 21703  
Connie Parsons of Woodsboro 21798  
Angela Bovay of Myersville 21773

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Mary Beth Atwell of New Market 21774  
Mark Hevener of Mt Airy 21771  
Lisa Bucheimer of Frederick 21702  
Roy Lipscomb of Brunswick 21716  
Richard Stahl of Point of Rocks 21777  
Daniel McCall of Frederick 21703  
Stacey Stone of Frederick 21704  
Lorraine LaBounty-Siecker of Mt Airy 21771  
James Richardson of Frederick 21701  
Julie McElroy of Frederick 21701  
Bonnie Leiter of Mt Airy 21771  
Myron Kemerer of Myersville 21773  
Dale and Carol Hurley of Smithsburg 21783  
Randy and Kimberly Demarais of Thurmont 21788  
Shannon Kinna of Smithsburg 21783  
Gary Smith of Monrovia 21770  
Kris Alcorn of Monrovia 21770  
Patricia Kelly of Frederick 21701  
Robin Pollatos of New Windsor 21776  
Caroleanne Phillips of Middletown 21769  
L Sutphin of Frederick 21703  
Donald Windsor of Mt Airy 21771  
Santa Hsu of Frederick 21703  
Dana Fink of Frederick 21702  
Reginald Claypool of Ijamsville 21754  
Christine Rathod of Frederick 21703  
Liz Panarella of Frederick 21703  
Ellen Peterson of Frederick 21701  
Ernest Farkas of Thurmont 21788  
Judith Schmidt of Myersville 21773  
Jean Struharik of Myersville 21773  
LeAnn Moore of Middletown 21769  
Kathleen Toomey of Thurmont 21788  
Dale Wingert of Frederick 21704  
Deborah Morrow of Frederick 21703  
Martha Caldwell of Brunswick 21716  
Clarence Brown of Frederick 21701  
Mary Brennan of Frederick 21704  
Mary Bredice of Frederick 21701  
Paul DiFrancesco of Adamstown 21710  
Christine Miller of Monrovia 21770  
Robert Clark of Frederick 21769  
Steve Orr of Ijamsville 21754  
Gary Anderson of Middletown 21769  
Charles Crooks of Ijamsville 21754  
Eileen Anderson of Middletown 21769

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Brigette Morgan of Frederick 21701  
Martin Aument of Adamstown 21710  
Sandra Cabellos of Mt Airy 21771  
Paul Davio of Walkersville 21793  
Doug May of Middletown 21769  
Peggy Fraley of Walkersville 21793  
Linda Dunn of Frederick 21701  
Paul Dayhoff of Walkersville 21793  
Peggy Harris of New Windsor 21776  
Mark Berryman of Sabillasville 21780  
James Johnson of Middletown 21769  
Christopher Mullins of New Market 21774  
Kathleen Hinds of Walkersville 21793  
William Tice of Frederick 21702  
Clarence Valentine of Taneytown 21787  
Dan Harding of Jefferson 21755  
Mike Cottrell of Braddock Heights 21714  
Kathleen Glorioso of Woodsboro 21798  
Marc Houck of Sabillasville 21780  
Deanna and Mark Sweadner of Libertytown 21762  
Tina Sheehan of Ijamsville 21754  
Sandra Cole of Brunswick 21716  
Bryan Queen of Frederick 21704  
David Carney of Mt Airy 21771  
Julian Mitchell of Frederick 21702  
Linda Hutchinson of Middletown 21769  
Sherman Rice of Myersville 21773  
Bruce DeGrange of Frederick 21703  
Hugh Kellogg of Knoxville 21758  
Chris Herman of Middletown 21769  
Dennis Smith of Mt Airy 21771  
Elizabeth Schroyer of Smithsburg 21783  
Richard Johnson of Frederick 21703  
Stacy Pedersen of Frederick 21704  
Doug Clarke of Frederick 21703  
Lisa Embrey of Frederick 21703  
Randy Wivell of Emmitsburg 21727  
Daniel and Lisa Shereika of Ijamsville 21754  
Kendall Court of Frederick 21702  
Mary Fouche of Monrovia 21770  
Kevin Gallagher of Mt Airy 21771  
Jane Barger of Ijamsville 21754  
Stephanie Torres of Walkersville 21793  
Jonathan Kennedy of Ijamsville 21754  
Jason Davis of New Market 21774  
Veronica and John Tate of Keymar 21757



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James Werner of Mt Airy 21771  
Rosemary Brockman of Frederick 21703  
John Beall of Frederick 21701  
John Duke of Myersville 21773  
Albert Pedroza of Frederick 21702  
Richard Thomas Rollins of Woodsboro 21798  
Bette and Daniel Cuddahee of Woodsboro 21798  
Mason Gray of Frederick 21701  
Kyle Donk of Frederick 21702  
Casper Betson of Frederick 21701  
William Troy of Frederick 21701  
Kimberly Rupert of Frederick 21703  
Cathryn Chang of Frederick 21704  
Helen Limbrick of New Market 21774  
Richard Nease of Mt Airy 21771  
Tom Adams of Frederick 21702  
Kevin Carter of Smithsburg 21783  
Jacquie Murtagh of New Market 21774  
Jerry Trout of Woodsboro 21798  
Amanda Stebbing of Thurmont 21788  
Helen Zrihen of Frederick 21702  
Laurie Sible of New Market 21774  
Kelly Wrenn of Monrovia 21770  
Amy Gumula of Frederick 21703  
Tim Kelly of Brunswick 21716  
Andrew Wrenn of Monrovia 21770  
Susannah Anderson of Frederick 21702  
John Heckler of Frederick 21704  
Susanna Shipman of Monrovia 21770  
Steve Rogowsky of Brunswick 21716  
Patrick Strassberger of Frederick 21702  
Robert Graff of Mt Airy 21771  
Robert Thornton of Walkersville 21793  
Dennis Small of Emmitsburg 21727  
Howard Jonas of Mt Airy 21771  
Willard Salter of Myersville 21773  
Joseph Wivell of Emmitsburg 21727  
Robert Cole of Frederick 21701  
Judith Moeller of Myersville 21773  
Ruth Boone of Frederick 21703  
R. Keith Delauter of Thurmont 21788  
Ronald Angleberger no address given  
Dennis Rickman no address given  
Jeannie Doane of Thurmont 21788  
Dr. Raymond Gallucci of Frederick 21704